

Hampton Roads Ship Model Society

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NEWSLETTER

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The society's December meeting was held at the home of Jack Bobbitt on Friday the 15th. The meeting had been postponed a week due to inclement weather. Nine members and guests Tom Leahy and Marshall Staton attended.

Skipper John Cheevers called the meeting to order at 2030 hours.

A vote was taken to continue the Society's membership in the NRG. The members present also voted to support member Alan Frazer for the position of director of the NRG board.

Under old business, discussion continued on the society's ship model exposition. Purser Tom Hesse requested (in abstentia) to be relieved of his duties as chairperson for this function due to work commitments. Relief was granted by Skipper Cheevers who inturn assumed these duties. Jack Bobbitt noted that Bill Clarke had foolishly agreed to chair the society's 1991 NRG conference efforts and asked those in attendance if they thought Bob Lightley of South Africa should be considered as a speaker. All members in attendance agreed he would be great. Chairperson Clarke requested that Jack Bobbitt speak on his VIRGINIA project, and Jack also foolishly agreed.

Under new business, Marshall Staton spoke on a World War II exhibit being built for the Virginia Aviation Museum in Richmond. He was particularly interested in obtaining scratchbuilding support for naval parts of the exhibit. Much discussion followed. Alan Frazer passed an assortment of materials to the membership, Leonard Wine brought and explained the propulsion system for his LOUISVILLE model, Jack Bobbitt updated members on his model of the VIRGINIA, and Bill Clarke and Skipper John Cheevers passed around photographs taken during their recent visit to Annapolis.

Skipper Cheevers adjourned the meeting at 2142 hours.

Administrative notes: Effective January 15th, the home phone for Tom Hesse will be 722-4073; Jack Bobbitt's street address is 69 Queens Court. Please make these changes to your copy of the society's roster.

The Society's January meeting will be hosted by Marvin and Helen Byrant and will be held at the Northampton Convalescent Center, 1028 Topping Lane, Hampton (826-3437 for Helen or 826-4922 for the Center) on Friday the 12th at 2000 hours. We may have a speaker who will talk on his experiences aboard the aircraft carrier ABRAHAM LINCOLN. Bring a friend as well as something nautical to share with your fellow members. See you there.

Skipper: John Cheevers 875-0732
Purser: Tom Hesse 722-8853

1st Mate: Tom Abbott 595-5669
Historian: Bill Fox 253-0310